**Amount Sanctioned for National Highways in Punjab**

2738. SHRI IQBAL SINGH: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount sanctioned for National Highways in each district of Punjab;

(b) the amount spent so far for this purpose;

(c) whether the funds have allegedly been misappropriated;

(d) if so, the details thereof and details of inquiry into the matter by Government; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T.G. VENKATRAMAN): (a) and (b) Funds are allocated State-wise and not district-wise for National Highways. The details of allocations made and expenditure incurred on National Highways in Punjab during 1996-97 are given as under:—

| | Allocations (Rs. crores) | Expenditure incurred upto 10/96 (Rs. crores) |
|---|---|---|
| 1. Original Works (Normal) | 12.00 | 4.40 |
| 2. Original Works (Externally Aided Project) | 46.00 | 24.65 |
| 3. Maintenance & Repairs | 9.28 | 3.41 |
| | 67.28 | 32.46 |

(c) No, Sir.

(d) and (e) Do not arise.

**Removal of Taxi Stands**

2739. SHRI MOHINDER SINGH KALYAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal under Government consideration for the removal of taxi stands at the VIP roads, New Delhi upto Airports, as a security measures;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) by when Government propose to remove such stands; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR): (a) to (d) The Delhi Police is of the view that the three taxi stands located on the VVIP route pose a traffic/security hazard and need to be removed. A show cause notice for removal has since been issued to the owner of one of the three taxi stands and in respect of the remaining two the matter has been taken up by Delhi Police with the land owning agency concerned.

**Constitution of T.A.C. in Goa**

2740. SHRI JOHN F. FERNANDES: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to refer to the answer to Starred Question 20 given in the Rajya Sabha on 20th November, 1996 and state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the term of Goa TAC has expired in May, 1996; and

(b) the reasons for not reconstituting this TAC and by when it is likely to be reconstituted?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VERMA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Recommendations of names from various sources are awaited. Action is being taken to re-constitute the same in the near future.